

avenue and 63d street. Major Funkhouser, whose squad has brought about the present stigma on the police department, will not be consulted about these raids.

As a second step there will be a shake-up in the police department. The following two changes seemed most likely today.

Capt. Thomas F. Meagher of the Desplaines st. station, to succeed Capt. Ryan at 22d st.

Capt. John Rehm, East Chicago. av. station, to be transferred. Capt. Smith, Englewood, or Capt. John Ryan, Warren av., mentioned as his successor.

Today Gleason, Schuettler and even Funkhouser were ready to admit that the newspaper stories blaming the shooting affray on a levee plot to "get" the morals squad was bunk.

The papers are screeching their heads off right now. They are blinding people to the real cause. They're playing a nice game of politics. But they haven't come forth with any real explanation as to why Detective Sergeant Stanley Birns should be brought home to his wife an children dead.

At first they even gave the intimation that the killing of Birns was the result of a police feud. But they drew in their horns when they were told Birns and his partner, John Sloop, were down there on police business and only got into trouble in performance of their as officers.

Today Chief Gleason and Ass't Corporation Counsel Korshak issued 400 summonses to saloon and hotelkeepers in the 22d street district, who will be questioned and asked if they violate the 1 o'clock closing ordinance.

Among them are: James Colisimo, 2132 S. Wabash av.; Cadillac Hotel, 2136 S. Wabash av.; John J. Jordan, 2008 S. Wabash av.; Benjamin Rothschild, 20th and S. State sts.; George Ballou, 2322 S. Wabash av.

William M. Blake, whom the Tribune said was wanted by the police to

shed light on the shooting affair and whom the Tribune said could not be found, was reached by The Day Book this morning. He was around his usual places and said the police had seen him, but had not said anything to him of the shooting.

The Tribune called Blake's Business Men's Morals Association a bunk organization. Blake says his society is backed by reputable business men.

He came on the scene of the shooting after officers had chased Fred Amort of the morals squad into a hallway after the killing of Birns. He is investigating the cause.

#### PRIVATE "DICK" IS FINED

Charges of trying to fix a case and attempting to extort \$500 against Frank Avery, a private detective with an office at 123 W. Madison Street, brought a \$100 fine for the private detective in Judge William's court yesterday. David Newman, salesman for the Rudolph Wurlitzer Co., piano house, testified against him.

According to Newman's story, he sold a piano to Reinhold Kahn, saloonkeeper at 531 N. Racine avenue. As Kahn already had a piano in his place of business, which he was then buying on the instalment plan, Newman agreed to have this removed to a storage house, where the owners could call for it.

This was done.

On July 7 Newman was called by phone by the detective, Frank Avery, who told him to hurry over to his office or he would go to jail.

Newman says that when he got there the detective accused him of stealing the piano and told him that it would cost him \$500 to get out of it. Newman wanted to leave the place, he claims, but Avery said: "You can't get out of here; you're under arrest."

"He then told the clerk to keep me in the office and he left," said Newman. "He told the guard that if I tried to leave to hold me.

"I told him that I didn't have the